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G. Robert Blakey, Esq.
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Select Committee on Assassinations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

I have read your letter of 4 August to Mr. Breckinridge and it is my view that Ambassador Helms is fully protected, so far as concerns his authority to discuss classified information with the Committee, by Mr. Carlucci's letter of 27 July. You should note in this regard that Mr. Carlucci attached to his 27 July letter a copy of the letter of understanding of 23 March relating to classified disclosures or testimony by present or former Agency employees. This letter of understanding was signed by Mr. Carlucci in his capacity as Acting DCI, thus eliminating any possible question as to the validity of the authorization.

In light of the above, I see no need to reissue the 27 July letter under the Director's signature, or to have the Director's signature added to that letter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Anthony A. Lapham
General Counsel

cc: Gregory Craig, Esq.
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